

**RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

In response to the Office Action of 12 November, 2008 Applicants hereby request the Examiner to reconsider the claims in view of the present amendments and remarks.

Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 18 to specify the following:

(a) about 0.5 to about 20 weight percent of a stable dispersion of a metal hydroxide with a number average particle size in the range about 20 nanometres to about 2 micrometres, wherein the metal of the metal hydroxide is present in the range about 2 to about 16 weight percent;

(b) a surfactant with a HLB of less than about 10;

(c) about 0.1 to about 30 weight percent of a carboxylic acid containing about 2 to about 30 carbon atoms, wherein the carboxylic acid is selected from a monocarboxylic acid, dicarboxylic acid and mixtures thereof, optionally the carboxylic acid is further substituted with groups selected from a hydroxyl group, an ester formed by the reaction of said carboxylic acid with an alcohol of 1 to about 5 carbon atoms; and mixtures thereof; and either

(d) about 50 to about 96.5 weight percent of an oil of lubricating viscosity or

(e) a solvent.

Support for the specified amounts is presented in claims 2 and 3 as originally filed.

Accordingly, the amendments to independent claim 1 are fully supported by the specification and do not add subject-matter.

In view of the above amendment, claims 2 and 3 have been deleted without prejudice.